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Title: **ENGLISH MUFFIN BAGEL**TRANSMITTAL -- RESPONSE

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Title: **ENGLISH MUFFIN BAGEL**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to Office Action dated 12/15/00, please amend the captioned application in conformance to the new procedures, with clean copies of amended claims 1-4 and new Claim 8, Remarks, and copies of Claims 1-4 and 8 showing changes. The Remarks follow the format and use paragraph numbers corresponding to the Office Action dated 11/15/2000.

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Page 6, at bottom, add the following paragraph:

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--The English muffin bagel method negates boiling, eliminating the boiling step.--

Page 7, delete lines 13-16 and insert the following paragraph:

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~~N-M~~ Because the English muffin bagels are placed directly onto the deck, and because the baking steps do not include any turning of the English muffin bagel, there is no need for any burlap-covered wooden plank or any flipping operation.--

Please cancel Claims 5-7 and add the following claims:

1. A method of preparing bagel ingredients to form an English muffin bagel,

characterized by

- a) mixing a bagel-dough mix;
- b) kneadng said bagel-dough mix;
- c) letting said bagel-dough mix rise in a warm environment to form first-rise bagel dough;
- d) shaping said first-rise bagel dough into individual bun portions;
- e) letting said bagel-dough individual bun portions rise in a warm environment to form second-rise bagel dough individual bun portions;
- f) proofing said second-rise bagel dough individual bun portions in a warm environment for a proof time much greater than the sum of rise times in steps c and e to form English muffin bagel dough individual bun portions;
- g) omitting any boiling step and omitomitting any partial baking step on any isolating planks on the deck of a commercial oven; and
- h) deck baking said English muffin bagel dough individual bun portions to form completed English muffin bagels.

505 B1 > 2. A method of preparing bagel ingredients to form English muffin bagels, according to Claim 1

further characterized in that:

step (h) is preceded by an intermediate step (f.1) of water-misting, and coating top and bottom surfaces of said English muffin bagel bindividual bun portions with a thin layer of cornmeal.

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3. A method of preparing mixed bagel dough ingredients to form English muffin bagels,

characterized by:

a) a first rising step;
b) a second rising step;
c) a very long proofing step in which maximum rising for the yeast nutrients present is approached;

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d) a baking step; and
any boiling step is omitted and any partial baking step on any isolating planks on the deck of a commercial oven is omitted, resulting in a light English muffin bagel.

4. A method of preparing bagel ingredients to form English muffin bagels according to Claim 3, in which said very long proofing step takes 3 hours.

8. An English muffin bagel prepared from mixed bagel dough ingredients by the process

characterized by:

- a) a first rising step prior to bagel forming and placement of formed bagels on a board;
- b) a second rising step;
- c) a very long proofing step for bagels, still on the board, in which maximum rising for the yeast nutrients present is approached, resulting generally in the bagels expanding beyond standard bagel rising, partially closing the navel, and touching adjacent bagels to form kiss marks; and
- d) a baking step;

omitting any boiling step and any partial baking step on any isolating plank, resulting in a light English muffin bagel of texture intermediate the standard bagel and the standard English muffin.